

CONFIDENTIAL

50X1-HUM

POLAND

ANTI-CATHOLIC GROUPS MERGE IN POLAND -- Paris, Danube-Press, 15 Nov 53

The Commission of Catholic Intellectuals and Activists and the Commission of Priests, two organizations founded by Polish Communists to create confusion among the faithful, have decided to merge in order to "lead the fight against imperialism and the Vatican with more ardor."

TWO PAPERS DROPPED -- Athens, Le Messenger d'Athenes, 31 Oct 53

Wola Ludu, the daily newspaper of the Polish United Peasants' Party, and Kurier Codzienny, daily newspaper of the Democratic Party, have been discontinued. The two parties will publish weekly newspapers instead.

BROADCASTING DATA -- Mexico City, La Nueva Polonia, Oct 53

There are nine radio stations in the following Polish cities, in addition to the Central Broadcasting Station at Warsaw: Cracovia, Lodz, Stalinograd, Poznan, Wroclaw, Gdansk, Bydgoszcz, and Szczecin. There are 12 long-, medium-, and short-wave, transmitters. The short-wave programs are heard in America, Australia, and throughout Europe. The number of licensed receivers has increased from about one million in 1939 to over 2 million; by the end of 1955 it will reach 3,200,000. In addition to news broadcasts and music, the Polish Radio brings radio university programs to over 200,000 enrolled students. -- Ostrowski, vice-president of Radio Polski.

CZECHOSLOVAKIA

BAN SHORT-WAVE LISTENING -- New York, Staats-Zeitung und Herold, 2 Jan 54

Olomouc -- Owners of radio sets with short-wave receiving bands are punished when the sets are discovered. At Olomouc and in rural communities, authorities are constantly checking on the use of short-wave receivers. Short-wave reception is permitted only as a community activity.

- E N D -

50X1-HUM

- 2 -

CONFIDENTIAL